



NEWSLETTER



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Campbell County Wyoming

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2012 County Committee Organization

The committee members held their organizational meeting in January to determine who serves as the County Office Committee (COC) chairman and vice-chairman. For calendar year 2012:

Amanda Sorenson will be the committee Chairperson, Dave Reed will hold the position of Vice-Chairperson and Chuck Tweedy will be Regular Member. The next scheduled COC meeting is June 6, 2012, 1:00 pm.

NEW 2012 and 2013 Acreage Reporting Dates

Filing an accurate and timely acreage report for all crops and land uses can prevent loss of many FSA program benefits. **The acreage reporting deadlines have changed.** The deadline for all **2012 crops is July 15, 2012.** The county office requests that you file your report by July 1, if at all possible, to allow the office time to prepare for the **new 2013** acreage reporting dates which are as follows:

Perennial Forage, Perennial Rangeland Forage (PRF), Native Range, Fall Wheat and all other Fall-Seeded Small Grains	November 15, 2012
Honey	January 2, 2013
Established Stand Alfalfa Seed, Fall Alfalfa Seed	January 15, 2013
Spring Alfalfa Seed, Spring Barley, Corn, Forage Seeding, Millet, Spring Oats, Spring Wheat, Sunflowers, and all other crops not listed	July 15, 2013

New Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Signup

USDA announced the next general CRP signup will be held from March 12, 2012 through April 6, 2012. Land that is not currently enrolled in CRP may be offered for enrollment during this signup. In addition, CRP participants with contracts expiring on September 30, 2012, may submit offers. Accepted contracts for this signup will begin October 1, 2012. Please make an appointment if you are interested in this signup.

2012 DCP/ACRE Sign-up

2012 Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) enrollment began Jan. 23, 2012 and will end June 1, 2012.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- 1) All producers planting on **DCP base** acres must be identified on the DCP/ACRE contract and receive a proportionate share of DCP/ACRE payment for the farm.
- 2) Changes on the farm after enrolling June 1st in DCP/ACRE **must** be reported to your local FSA office. This includes: Ownership changes: Producer changes (Individuals and Entities); Change in crop share arrangements.

Note: Changes cannot be made after Sept. 30, 2012.

SALES CLOSING DATE FOR NAP SPRING CROPS

The deadline to purchase NAP coverage for spring grains planted for hay and spring crops not covered by Federal Crop Insurance is **April 1, 2011**. This may also include cover crops for new seedings.

NAP Production Reporting

Production records for individual NAP crops need to be filed with our office to establish an approved yield (APH). If this is the first year you participated in NAP, you can provide production and acreage information from prior years to establish your yield. If you participated in NAP in previous years, you must report your production and acreage on a yearly basis to keep your yield up-to-date. Records submitted must be reliable and verifiable. Records need to show crop disposition. It is recommended producers submit production records as soon as possible after harvest. ***All production records must be submitted by the subsequent crop year's final acreage reporting date of July 15th.***

Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)

The noninsured crop disaster assistance program (NAP) is a federally funded program that helps producers reduce their risk when growing food and fiber crops, specialty crops and crops for livestock feed. These benefits are only available for crops for which the catastrophic level of crop insurance is not available. Application for coverage must be filed by the applicable crop's application closing date. Production records for all crops must be reported to FSA no later than the acreage reporting date for the crop for the following year. FSA requires that any production reported in a loss year be verifiable according to Agency specifications. NAP Losses must be reported within 15 days of loss.

Federal Crop Insurance Deadline

March 15, 2012 is the deadline to purchase coverage for insurable spring planted crops. Producers are urged to contact their insurance agent for details.

ANNUAL NOTIFICATIONS

Definition of Designation by Landowner Method and Requirements

[7 CFR Part 718.205] The designation by landowner method is the division of bases in the manner agreed to by the parent farm owner and purchaser or transferee.

This Method May Be Used when any of the following apply:

- part of a farm is sold or ownership transferred
- an entire farm is sold to 2 or more persons
- farm ownership is transferred to 2 or more persons
- part of a tract is sold or ownership is transferred
- a tract is sold to 2 or more persons
- tract ownership is transferred to 2 or more persons.

FSA-155 shall be signed by all sellers and buyers (transferees).

Notice to Producers of Payment Eligibility and Payment Limitation Requirements

All program payments and benefits are subject to some or all of the following:

- payment limitation by direct attribution
- payment limitation amounts for the applicable programs
- actively engaged in farming requirements
- cash-rent tenant rule
- foreign person rule
- average AGI limitations

No program benefits subject to limitation will be provided until all required forms for the specific situation are provided, and necessary payment eligibility and payment limitation determinations are made. Payment eligibility and payment limitation determinations may be initiated by COC or requested by the producer.

If any changes occur that could affect an actively engaged in farming, cash-rent tenant, foreign person, or average AGI determination, producers **must timely notify** the County Office by filing revised farm operating plans and/or supporting documentation, as applicable.

Note: Failure to timely notify the County Office may adversely affect payment eligibility.

There are statutory provisions that require entities, earning program benefits that are subject to limitation, to provide the names, addresses, and TIN's of the entities' members to COC. All applicable payment eligibility and payment limitation forms submitted by producers are subject to spot check through the end-of-year review process. A determination of **not** actively engaged in farming results in the producer being ineligible for any payment or benefit requiring a determination of actively engaged in farming.

Noncompliance with AGI provisions, either by exceeding the applicable limitations or by failure to submit a certification statement, will result in the determination of ineligibility for **all** program benefits subject to AGI provisions; program benefits shall be reduced in an amount that is commensurate with the direct and indirect interest held by an ineligible person or legal entity in any legal entity, general partnership, or joint operation that receives benefits subject to the average AGI limitations.

USDA INVITES MINORITY PRODUCERS TO JOIN USDA MINORITY FARM REGISTER

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) invites minority farmers and ranchers in Campbell County and across the nation to voluntarily join the USDA Minority Farm Register to receive information and opportunities from USDA agencies.

The Register is a shared outreach list that will help USDA, community-based organizations and minority-serving educational institutions to communicate with minority farmers and ranchers.

By joining the Register, minority producers may receive outreach materials, newsletters, and program announcements from USDA agencies. They may also receive information and assistance from other USDA-approved outreach partners, such as community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, and minority-serving educational institutions. USDA will carefully control access to and use of the Register.

Individuals wishing to join the Register must sign and date a form that provides their name and address. Providing phone numbers, e-mail address, race, ethnicity, gender and farm or ranch location will be voluntary, although the additional information increases the producer's opportunities for receiving timely assistance.

The Register pamphlet with the registration form is available at the Campbell County USDA Service Center or from approved USDA outreach partners. Completed forms may be mailed to: USDA Minority Farm Register, USDA Stop Code 0503, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250. FSA and USDA's Office of Advocacy and Outreach are jointly administering the Register. Registration forms are available in Spanish (AD-2035SP) and English (AD-2035) on the FSA web site (www.fsa.usda.gov) under "Forms".

An individual may remove his or her name from the Register by writing to the Minority Farm Register, USDA Stop Code 0503, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250.

For more information, please contact the Farm Service Agency, STOP 0503, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-0503 (Call 1-866-538-2610; Fax: 1-866-302-1760; E-mail: MSDA@USDA.gov).

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**Important
New Dates!**

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

March 12 – April 6, 2012 – Signup period for Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)

March 15, 2012 – FCIC Deadline for Spring planted crops

April 1, 2012 – Sales closing date for 2012 Spring NAP Crops

July 15, 2012 – Deadline for reporting all 2012 crops

July 15, 2012 – Deadline to report 2011 production on NAP Crops

November 15, 2012 – Reporting date for 2013 Perennial Forage crops, Native Range, Fall Wheat

IMMEDIATELY --File Notification of Loss Forms within 15 Days of Loss of crops

--Notify County office of any changes in Direct Deposit information,

--Payment limitation changes, Farm records changes, Banking info changes, etc.

Any time --CRP Continuous Signup

--Paid measurement services from FSA

Office Hours are from 8:00am to 4:30pm. Producers are urged to call for an appointment, so the office staff can assist you timely. Due to the computer environment, some applications/processes are unable to be completed after 4:00pm.

If you have any questions regarding any of the above dates or information in this newsletter, please contact the County office for more information (307) 682-8843, ext.2.

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